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## The Cold Facts.

Mr. Taft revealed no state secret when he made it known in his speech at Passaic, New Jersey, Monday night, that political considerations are serving to hinder the passage of the statehood bill—that fears are suggested that Arizona and New Mexico when admitted will elect democrats to the United States senate. All close observers of conditions at Washington are familiar with the facts.

There is, however, more pretense than genuine fear in these suggestions. The fear that the senators from the two new states may be democrats is not the controlling factor. Senators who are even approximately informed on political conditions in the country know very well that all the odds are in favor of republican supremacy in New Mexico, and that in Arizona the democratic party has but little advantage over the republican party—that in this territory there is at least a fine fighting chance for the republicans. So that at the worst, from a republican standpoint, the party will lose nothing by admitting the two territories—the most the democrats can reasonably hope for is the election of two of the four senators.

The real objection, hidden behind this pretended fear that the democratic party will gain four senators, is the eastern objection to increasing western membership in the senate. To the provincial easterner all western men look alike—it makes no difference whether they wear a republican or a democratic label—and all are equally objectionable.

To this provincial class in the senate it is not worth while to make an appeal. But to republican senators who are broadly American—the senators who have at heart the welfare of the republican party—we do not hesitate to give the assurance that they will never have occasion to regret the passage of the statehood bill at this session. Provided the bill goes through at this session, the republican party in this territory will be placed in a position to make an aggressive campaign, with excellent prospects for electing state officers and United States senators. And if the republican party does carry the state, our senators will be loyal supporters of President Taft and the republican platform.

On the other hand, however, if unwise political counsels prevail at Washington—if statehood legislation is not enacted at this session—a staggering blow will be dealt the republican party of Arizona. It will not only be practically useless to make a territorial campaign this fall, but it will be years before the party can recover the lost ground. As President Taft pointedly stated in his Passaic speech, the promise of the republican platform is clear on the question of statehood. If this promise is broken at Washington, the party in Arizona will have to pay dearly for the broken pledge.

## Mr. Roosevelt Consistently for Peace.

The New York World and the many other great newspapers that are uniformly unfriendly to Mr. Roosevelt, claim to see, in his recent plea for a limitation of armaments—especially naval armaments—an inconsistency between his present doctrines and the policy he pursued as president. They point out that in his messages of 1907 and 1908 he strongly urged congress to provide for two great battleships a year, and that when congress exhibited an inclination to furnish but one ship he used the "big stick" until he got the two battleships.

As a matter of fact, however, Mr. Roosevelt has not shown himself at all inconsistent. His arguments for peace in his Nobel prize oration before the Norwegians were no stronger than his numerous expressions along the same lines while president. The American commissioners to the last Hague conference acted under his instructions when they, with the representatives of Great Britain, urged the adoption of articles providing for a limitation of naval expansion by the great powers. The steadfast refusal of Germany to entertain the proposition of course defeated the project and made discussion futile.

Mr. Roosevelt has always insisted that "so long as the other powers per-

sisted in building great navies, it was the duty of the United States to keep pace with them—that this nation could safeguard an honorable peace for itself only by showing itself strong enough to protect its rights. Opponents of his naval program urged, it is true, that since it was not practicable to secure an international agreement to limit navy building, the United States ought to set an example and lead the way by shutting off steam; that were this government to adopt a policy of reducing expenditures for war, the other powers would be forced by the public opinion of the world to follow suit. But Mr. Roosevelt did not think this argument sound. He thought the proposed policy would merely place the United States at a disadvantage with our aggressive rivals—particularly Japan. At the time he was urging congress to provide two battleships, this country was much nearer a rupture with Japan, by reason of the friction developed in San Francisco, than people generally suspected.

Whatever Mr. Roosevelt's faults may be, he is a consistent advocate of peace.

## New York's Homeless.

The federal census is an unsentimental institution. It gets the facts, regardless of the discredit that may be thrown upon sensational magazines and newspapers. Nobody knows how many tons of paper and ink have been devoted to a discussion of the "homeless" people of New York. They are always spoken of as a multitude, numbering thousands. But the official canvass, just completed, shows that among all the millions who live in our greatest city, there are fewer than 300 who have no lodging place.

But any visitor to New York who strolls along the streets and encounters the scores of persistent and abusive beggars might easily conclude that the homeless and helpless people of the city could be counted by thousands. From time to time it is developed that begging is one of New York's most profitable industries.

## The Public Prosecutor.

If some of the good citizens of Mesa can have their way about it, District Attorney Bullard will "get his" if he runs for office again. Subscriptions have been started for a fund where-with to defeat him in his next campaign. There is a certain way whereby the district attorney can avoid defeat at the hands of these new enemies—he can refuse to run for office. The Mesa insurrection seems to be based upon objections by the Anti-Saloon league to the district attorney's recent prosecution of a boy for perjury. With no intention to discuss the merits of this case—for it is still before the court—we may be permitted to observe that it would be wise for any body of citizens to be sure of their ground before attacking the public prosecutor simply because he prosecuted to conviction an accused person in whose behalf public sympathy has been enlisted. Provided the indictment was regularly found—that is to say, if the district attorney exerted no improper influence to secure a bill of indictment from the grand jury—there was but one course for him to pursue when the case reached him, and that was to prosecute the indicted person under the due forms of law. To follow any other course would have been a manifest neglect of duty, for which the district attorney would have deserved censure indeed.

We have not taken enough interest in the case in question to know whether the district attorney traveled beyond the routine lines of his duty in presenting the case to the court and jury. In the absence of contrary proof, all the presumptions would be that it was an ordinary prosecution—part of the day's work of the district attorney's office. And if he did only his sworn duty, all questions of a new trial or of clemency are for the court. Impulsive condemnation of a prosecuting officer because he performed a duty assigned to him by the law is liable to make an embarrassing record for any citizen who indulges in such condemnation—that same citizen may have a favorite law which he wants enforced with the same vigor that was displayed by the prosecutor in this instance.



LIGHT WEIGHT.

The Music Teacher—Your boy is improving, but when he runs the scales I have to watch him pretty closely. Mrs. Shortweight—Just like his father. He used to be in the grocery business.

## WHITHER, PILGRIMS, ARE YOU GOING?

Whither, pilgrims, are you going.  
Going each with staff in hand?  
We are going on a journey,  
Going at our king's command;  
Over hills and plains and valleys  
We are going to his palace,  
Going to the better land.

Gear ye not the way so lonely,  
You a little feeble band?  
No, for friends unseen are near us,  
Holy angels round us stand;  
Christ, our leader, walks beside us,  
He will guard and He will guide us,  
Guide us to the better land.

Tell us, pilgrims, what you hope for  
In that far-off better land,  
Spotless robes and crowns of glory,  
From a Savior's loving hand,  
We shall drink of life's clear river,  
We shall dwell with God forever,  
In that bright and better land.

Pilgrims, may we travel with you,  
To that bright and better land?  
Come and welcome, come and welcome,  
Welcome to our pilgrim band;  
Come, O come, and do not leave us,  
Christ is waiting to receive us,  
In that bright and better land.  
—Author Unknown.

## HOT BREAD.

Secretary Wilson has issued another cook book in which he punctures the theory that hot bread is unwholesome. —Washington dispatch.  
Let the unfettered sing of love,  
Its joy and mystery;  
Let convict poets, leaping forth,  
Sing songs of liberty,  
But my unsentimental muse  
On solids must be fed:  
I sing of Wilson's cook book,  
And the praises of hot bread.

Hot bread forever be my theme,  
Though I sing all alone;  
What love at breakfast time is like  
The love for hot corn pone?  
Fresh from the oven's fiery breath  
Bring biscuit, roll and bun,  
And choicest main morsel yet—  
The golden Sally Lun.

At last the judgments of my youth  
I find were based on facts,  
The food I crave can do no harm  
To my digestive tract.  
What though the price of butter rise?  
I take no fear nor dread  
Save that there be a lack of it  
To serve with my hot bread.

Let others sing of babbling brooks,  
Of castle tower and moat,  
Of armored knight, of moonbeams pale,  
The nightingale's sweet note,  
Of liquid eyes, of tresses fair,  
But I will sing instead  
The praise of Tama Jim and his  
Digestible hot bread.  
—Richard Linthicum.



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Suburbanite—I went out to look at that piece of property you advertised as being a stone's throw from the depot.  
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Suburbanite—All I've got to say is that I'd like to meet the man who threw the stone.



SURE.  
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